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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE AID PROGRAM IN TUNISIA IN
FY 79

REF: TUNIS 5618

1. THANK YOU FOR THE USEFUL EXPRESSION OF YOUR VIEWS IN
REFTEL. BASED ON OUR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED TIMING OF
THE PHASE OUT, AID IS PREPARING AN OPTIONS PAPER FOR PARKER
AND WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THEM TO ENSURE THAT YOUR
AND OUR OBJECTIONS ARE ADEQUATELY AND FORCEFULLY REPRESENTED.
WE HAVE SEEN THE FIRST DRAFT OF THAT PAPER AND
HAVE INCLUDED YOUR COMMENTS.

2. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT WISH TO HAVE ANY DECISION PRESENTED
AT THE COMMISSION MEETING IN OCTOBER, WE DO NOT SEE HOW WE
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CAN AVOID DISCUSSION OF THIS PROBLEM, WE WOULD HOPE TO

AVOID MAKING ANY DECISION UNTIL AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE
TUNISIANS AT THAT MEETING. ROGERS

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